

## **DRAFT Chilmark Board of Selectmen September 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Chairman Jonathan Mayhew, Bill Rossi, *Warren Doty not present*. Tim Carroll, John Early, David Norton, Larry Butler, Dan Greenbaum, Alex Elvin and Lynn Christoffers.

### **Minutes:**

Draft minutes from August 18, 2015 were reviewed, corrections were made. Mr. Rossi moved to approve minutes as corrected. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present**

### **Housing Committee:**

Mr. Carroll said that the Administrative Assistant that was hired for the Housing Committee gave a notice of resignation and Mr. Carroll asked to post the vacancy. Discussion ensued. Mr. Rossi moved to post this position vacancy as follows: 5 hours a week Administrative Assistant position for the Chilmark Housing Committee. Chairman Mayhew seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present**

### **Federal Flood Insurance (FFI):**

Mr. Carroll spoke about the town's stance on flood insurance which has been to not be involved. Mr. Carroll said he has received a call from a homeowner asking if the town would consider the Federal Flood Insurance. Discussion ensued. Chairman Mayhew said he is not in favor of joining the FFI but would like Lenny Jason our Building Inspector and Zoning Officer to discuss this topic and how it affects the Town of Chilmark.

Mr. Rossi moved not to join the Federal Flood Insurance. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present**

At 7:40 PM Chairman Mayhew opened the Public Hearing to hear the petition of Brandon Brookes on behalf of Squibby LLC for a license, under Chapter 148 section 13, to install propane storage of 2,350 gallons at 22 Round Pound Road. The Chilmark Fire Chief David Norton spoke to this installation application. Lenny Butler answered questions and gave information about this application. Chairman Mayhew asked if there were any more public comments or questions (*there were none*). At 7:48 PM Chairman Mayhew closed the public hearing.

Mr. Rossi moved to approve this application submitted to install propane storage of 2,350 gallons at 22 Round Pound Road. Chairman Mayhew seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present**

### **Planning Board - Biennial Report on Building Size Zoning Bylaw:**

Dan Greenbaum was present as a member of the Chilmark Planning Board to summarize the report. Mr. Greenbaum reported that there were no requests for special permits for new houses that exceed the size limits since the size limit was adopted. There were 5 renovations to existing homes that went to be specially permitted because they exceeded the limits set in our bylaw. All 5 applications were approved by the ZBA. Mr. Greenbaum gave statistics on comparisons of before the new bylaw took effect and after they were adopted by the town. Mr. Greenbaum reported a 10% increase in ZBA hearings. Mr. Greenbaum said that the consensus of the Planning Board and the ZBA was to collect more data on our current bylaw prior to making any changes or clarifications (2 years). Mr. Rossi thanked Mr. Greenbaum for this report.

#### Squibnocket Project and Lease:

Mr. Carroll said that Town Counsel Ron Rappaport has the lease but said it is missing the exhibits so the Selectmen will not be signing the lease tonight. Discussion ensued, no action was taken.

#### Old Harbor Shack:

Mr. Carroll asked if the Selectmen would recommend the old harbor shack surplus material. Discussion ensued. Chairman Mayhew recommended postponing getting rid of the shack. Mr. Rossi said it's an eye sore the way it is now. Mr. Carroll recommended reorganizing.

Discussion turned to refurbishing the restrooms. Mr. Carroll said the public has been complaining about the appearance of the restrooms in Menemsha (not that they are not kept clean, but run down looking). Chairman Mayhew recommended another stall for the woman's room. Mr. Carroll said that would entail expanding the building. Mr. Rossi discussed the possibility of composting toilets. Chairman Mayhew said we will continue to discuss the Menemsha Comfort Station for future improvements.

#### Menemsha Shuttle:

Mr. Carroll said that the shuttle between the Tabor House Landfill Parking Lot and Menemsha (for the sunsets) is over for the season. Mr. Carroll reported that the ridership has been increasing steadily though he has not gotten the complete August ridership report from the Vineyard Transit Authority. Chairman Mayhew recognized Stanley Larsen's efforts in getting the public aware of the Free Parking and Shuttle service.

#### Aquinnah Selectmen Walking Challenge

Chairman Mayhew and Mr. Rossi said they were unable to attend.

#### Goat Incident Follow-up:

Mr. Carroll reported that the Selectmen's office received a note from Ellen Liman stating the goat is no longer at the property. Mr. Carroll said he spoke to the Chilmark Animal Control Officer (ACO) and he is asking the Selectmen to use the same bylaw West Tisbury has for ACO enforcement fees and to put it on the STM warrant for Chilmark residents to decide. Mr. Carroll suggested orienting the bylaw to pets rather than livestock. Mr. Rossi recommended having a hearing at a future Selectmen's meeting about the proposed warrant for the ACO.

Mr. Carroll said the Town's 321 anniversary is on September 14, 2015.

Mr. Carroll said that the Tri Town Ambulance is meeting September 9, 2015. Mr. Carroll asked to post the position for Ambulance Chief. Mr. Rossi moved to advertise for the position. Chairman Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes 1 not present.**

At 8:15 PM Mr. Rossi moved to adjourn. Chairman Mayhew seconded the motion.  
**SO VOTED: 2 Ayes 1 not present.**

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.